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SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICAN HOMELAND LEADER TO VISIT U.S.

1. BRAHM WALKER, POLITICAL ADVISOR FOR CHIEF MINISTER CEDRIC PHATUDI OF LEBOWA, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY ON AUGUST 27 THAT PHATUDI AND PARTY WILL BE TRAVELING TO US AS PRIVATE CITIZEN ON SEPT. 8. TRIP WILL TAKE THEM TO MEXICO AND SEVERAL CARIBBEAN ISLANDS AS WELL AS US. PARTY WOULD BE IN NEW YORK FOR

FOUR DAYS. PHATUDI PARTY WILL INCLUDE WALKER; S.M. MAMIANE, MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS; AND ANDRE LA GRANGE, ECONOMIC ADVISOR. MAIN INTEREST IS VIEWING SMALL BUSINESS OPERATIONS.

2. WALKER STATED THAT WASHINGTON WAS NOT NECESSARILY ON ITINERARY, BUT PHATUDI WOULD WELCOME MEETING STATE DEPT OFFICIALS IF CONVENIENT. HE ASKED EMBASSY TO QUERY DEPT ON THAT POINT. HE ALSO ASKED IF DEPT COULD OFFER ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP APPOINTMENTS IN PUERTO RICO WHERE PHATUDI WANTS TO SEE AGRICULTURAL PROJECTS AND SMALL BUSINESSES. MEETINGS WITH LOCAL BUSINESSMEN, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS WOULD BE DESIRABLE.

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PARTY ARRIVES IN SAN JUAN ON SEPT 17. WALKER ALSO ASKED IF

POSSIBLE TO GET FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE AT JFK IMMIGRATION.
THEY ARRIVE ON PA 103 FROM LONDON AT 1125 H., SEPT 8.

3. COMMENT: PHATUDI IS ARTICULATE HIGHLAND LEADER BUT IS STEREOTYPED, AS ARE ALL HOMELAND LEADERS, AS GOVERNMENT COLLABORATOR. PHATUDI IS PUBLICLY ON RECORD AS BEING AGAINST SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT BUT GOES ALONG WITH SAG POLICY AS ONLY WAY TO VENT BLACK POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS IN PEACEFUL MANNER. HE WAS INVOLVED IN AUG 21 HOMELAND "MINI-SUMMIT" (SEE PRETORIA 3730) IN WHICH LEADERS URGED SAG TO ADDRESS GRIEVANCES OF URBAN BLACKS AND REJECTED INDEPENDENCE OF HOMELANDS. THIS TRIP WAS REPORTEDLY PLANNED PRIOR TO AUG 21.

4. RECOMMEND THAT PHATUDI BE TOLD THAT STATE DEPT HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THE OUTLINE PLANS FOR HIS VISIT, THAT AF/S OFFICERS WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH HIM IF HE SHOULD PASS THROUGH WASHINGTON AND PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH CU/IVP/V FOR FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE IN MEETING WITH OFFICIALS IN SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND APPROPRIATE CONTACTS IN PUERTO RICO.

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